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1. In mid-April 1955 Zbigniew Micur, also known under the pen name of Jan Szelag, was dismissed from his position as director of the satirical newspaper, Szpilki. The reasons for his dismissal are reported to be as follows:
 - a. Publication of a story which alleged that the death of Trepkowski, a well-known graphic artist, was caused by the refusal to admit the artist to the clinic at 18 Emilja Plater Street, which is reserved for high-ranking personalities. Trepkowski had a heart attack and died because he did not receive medical attention in time.
 - b. Publication in March 1955 in Szpilki of a caricature of a man with a small head and wide shoulders, captioned "I have no ideological doubts".
 - c. Censure of the authorities for the shortage of grain.
2. Micur was summoned to explain his actions in a meeting with Ksiazeczek (fnu) of the Polish United Workers Party (PZPR). Micur asked if only the defects of the West were to be publicized and the internal defects not mentioned.
3. Micur was subsequently tried by a court of honor and removed from his position.
4. Eryk Lipinski, a cartoonist for Szpilki, was also dismissed, allegedly because of having been involved in a family scandal.

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